

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2011 7:47 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ten convened the open session of the regular meeting of the City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) at 7:47 p.m. City Clerk Kilby called the roll. City Councilmembers/CRA Members present: Putnam, Schneider, and Sifuentes; Mayor Pro Tem/CRA Vice Chair Cacciotti; and Mayor/CRA Chair Ten. Members absent: None. Other officials present: City Manager/CRA Executive Director Davidson; City Attorney/CRA Counsel Adams; Assistant City Manager Gonzalez; Police Chief Payne; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Thai; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Sweeney; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Transportation Manager Woods; DMR Team Water Project Manager Wolitarsky; DMR Team Fair Oaks Project Manager Talebian; and City Clerk/CRA Secretary Kilby.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Putnam offered the invocation. Taci Chin-Robinson, Jennifer Lee, and Samantha Loo, representing Ambassador Girl Scout Troop #1781, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Adams reported that Mayor Ten called to order the regular meeting of the South Pasadena City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency at approximately 6:30 p.m. He said there was no one from the public wishing to speak to the Council on items on Closed Session. Mayor Ten then recessed the meeting into Closed Session, he said. All members of the Council were present, he said. The City Council met on labor negotiation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, he said, with himself as the City negotiator, concerning an unrepresented employee: City Manager. He gave the City Council a briefing on the item, he said, and the City Council gave direction. However, he said, the City Council took no final action regarding the matter and there is nothing further to report.

The City Council/CRA met on a personnel item pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), performance evaluation of City Attorney, he said. The City Council discussed this item, he said, took no action, and there is nothing further to report.

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
COUNCIL OF GOVERN-
MENTS PRESENTATION
ON ENERGY UPGRADE
CALIFORNIA**

Marisa Creter, Representative, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Energy Upgrade California Program, outlined the program, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. She distributed handout materials.

**ANNUAL REPORT: SOUTH
PASADENA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

Rich Roche, Chair, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and Scott Feldmann, Chamber President and CEO, presented the annual report. They distributed a written report. Mr. Feldmann introduced other Board members in the audience.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF
EVENTS**

City Manager Davidson announced that Public Works Director Sweeney is retiring as of May 6, 2011. He acknowledged his contributions and dedication. Public Works Director Sweeney expressed appreciation to City staff members. Mayor Ten expressed appreciation on behalf of the City Council.

City Manager Davidson said that there is no specific item on the agenda for Fair Oaks construction since meetings with merchants are taking place on a regular basis. Public Works Director Sweeney and DMR Team Fair Oaks Construction and Project Manager Talebian responded to questions from the City Council about the project. City Manager Davidson added to the discussion, stating that merchant suggestions have been incorporated.

Mayor Ten, referring to a recent newspaper article, expressed concern about silt deposits at Devil's Gate Dam and possible catastrophic loss in South Pasadena in the event of dam failure. He referred this to staff.

Mayor Ten expressed concern about a hillside home along Orange Grove where trees were clear cut. He displayed a photograph on the overhead projector. He asked for a review of the steps that were taken to permit this action, seconded by Councilmember Sifuentes.

Councilmember Schneider announced the upcoming Eclectic Music and Art Walk May 7, and Preservation Foundation events May 14 and 15, 2011.

**REMOVAL OF ITEMS
FROM THE CONSENT
CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE
CONSIDERATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested that Item #10, purchase of an asphalt patch truck, be removed for separate consideration.

**APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 20, 2011**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council and the City Council seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2011.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**APPROVAL OF PREPAID
WARRANTS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$357,343.40
GENERAL CITY
WARRANTS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,215,419.26
AND PAYROLL IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$415,343.46**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved Prepaid Warrants #167653-167702; General City Warrants #167703-167824; and payroll 04-29-11, a total of \$21,988,106.12. Seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), they approved the CRA Warrants totaling \$5,687.01, which are included in the above total.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**REQUEST BY MAYOR PRO
TEM CACCIOTTI TO
DESIGNATE \$350 OF
DISCRETIONARY FUNDS
TOWARDS THE
PURCHASE OF A BICYCLE
FOR CITY STAFF USE**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved designating \$350 of his FY 2010-11 discretionary fund allocations towards the purchase of a bicycle for City staff use.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**ADOPTION OF A JOINT
RESOLUTION ESTABLISH-
ING CITY COUNCIL/COM-
MUNITY REDEVELOP-
MENT AGENCY OFFICER
ROTATION 2011-2013 AND
MOVING THE SCHEDULE
FOR OFFICER ROTATION
FROM THE FIRST REGU-
LAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF DECEMBER
TO THE SECOND CITY
COUNCIL MEETING OF**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council, and the City Council sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) adopted City Resolution No. 7156 and CRA Resolution No. 2011-03, A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE AGENCY BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING TERMS OF OFFICE AND SCHEDULE OF OFFICER ROTATION AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 6977.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**DECEMBER EACH YEAR
RESOLUTION NO. 7156
CRA RESOLUTION NO.
2011-03**

**ACCEPTANCE OF PRO-
JECT COMPLETION AND
AUTHORIZATION TO FILE
A NOTICE OF COMPLE-
TION FOR THE STRAT-
FORD AVENUE, DIAMOND
AVENUE, ADELAINE
AVENUE, AND LYNDON
STREET SIDEWALK
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT,
AND AUTHORIZATION TO
RELEASE RETENTION
PAYMENT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$8,398 TO C.J.
CONSTRUCTION INC.**

After conferring with the City Attorney, Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti recused himself from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest in that his residence may be within 500 feet of one of the streets included in the subject street improvement project.

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 recused due to conflict of interest, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council accepted the improvements for the Stratford Avenue, Diamond Avenue, Adelaine Avenue, and Lyndon Street Sidewalk Improvement Project; authorized the issuance of a Notice of Completion for the project; and authorized payment of the retention to C.J. Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$8,398.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**APPROVAL OF A
SUBSTANCE ABUSE
POLICY FOR SAFETY-
SENSITIVE COMMUNITY
TRANSIT EMPLOYEES**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the proposed Substance Abuse Policy for Safety-Sensitive Employees and authorized the City Manager to sign the policy per Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Guidelines.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**AWARD OF CONTRACT
TO LOS ANGELES
FREIGHTLINER IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$157,496 FOR
THE PURCHASE OF AN
ASPHALT PATCH TRUCK**

In regard to this request to purchase an asphalt patch truck, Public Works Director Sweeney responded to questions about the difference in costs between a gasoline-powered vehicle and a compressed natural gas (CNG)-powered truck. He said purchasing the CNG vehicle would not be cost-effective. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, a South Coast Air Quality Management District Board Member, said grants are available from the agency to offset the costs. Public Works Director Sweeney and Assistant City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions about costs, the status of the City's fast-fill CNG refueling capability, and related issues. City Manager Davidson said staff can prepare applications immediately in an attempt to secure funds. Councilmember Putnam said even if grant funds can be found to purchase a CNG truck, this would only be cost effective if the fast-fill CNG

refueling station is in place.

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period. He determined that there were no speaker cards for this item and closed the public comment period.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved postponing a decision on the proposed purchase of a gasoline-powered asphalt patch truck from Los Angeles Freightliner in the amount of \$157,496 and directed staff to initiate immediate applications for South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) funds, namely AB 2766 funds for funding of alternative fuel vehicles; matching funds for up to \$30,000 from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee (MSRC), which are available for three more weeks; and funds from the Clean Fuels Program for anything that doesn't match to purchase an original equipment manufactured compressed natural gas (CNG) truck; and to keep Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti informed of progress of the application. The City Council requested that the issue return to the City Council for an update in late June early July.

(Cacciotti, Schneider)

Mayor Ten noted that once the City has fast-fill capability, the facility can be made available to agencies and to the public. He displayed a photograph of the San Fernando credit-card based, self-serve CNG pump on the overhead projector.

In regard to the fast-fill CNG station, Assistant City Manager Gonzalez said that this item could be included in the FY 2011-12 budget, which will be presented at the May 18, 2011, meeting, for implementation July 1, 2011.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested that an item be added to the next agenda to consider taking approximately \$50,000 from the City's renewable energy reserve fund to pay for upgrading the City's CNG fueling station capability from slow-fill to fast-fill. He requested that \$1,000 of his FY 2010-11 discretionary funds be allocated to the project. This was seconded by Councilmember Schneider.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
Fair Oaks Construction
Project**

Waynna Kato, 1036 Hope Street, representing Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action (WISPPA), asked questions and made suggestions about the Fair Oaks Construction Project.

Gail Dragna, owner, Pet's Delight, 725 Fair Oaks Avenue, asked for a response to requests made by merchants at a recent City meeting.

**Devil's Gate Dam
State Redistricting Process**

David Czamanske, Vice Chair, Pasadena Group of the Sierra Club, P.O. Box 94086, Pasadena, in regard to Mayor Ten's earlier comments, said that the Devil's Gate Dam has never been overtopped. It was reinforced at a cost of \$10 million in the mid-1990s in two ways, he said. There is no possibility of catastrophic dam failure, he said. If more water/sediment flows downward than the dam can hold, he said the excess flows to the spillway, the flood control channel. Recreational areas in the City might be flooded, he said, but no residential areas would be impacted.

He made a brief presentation about a recent meeting on redistricting in San Gabriel. He suggested that the City Council consider making a statement about its "community of interest."

Operation Cookie

Beverly Biber, no address stated, representing the South Pasadena Woman's Club, 1424 Fremont Avenue, invited all to participate in this year's "Operation Cookie," May 25, 2011, to donate cookies that will be delivered to veterans. She presented a plate of cookies to the City Council and displayed a flyer on the overhead projector.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADD
THE PROPERTY
ADJACENT TO THE BACK
OF THE DRIVING RANGE
TO THE GOLF COURSE
LEASE AGREEMENT**

Community Services Director Pautsch presented the staff report on adding property to the back of the driving range in the pending Golf Course lease agreement. She distributed a map of the subject area, which was displayed on the overhead projector. She responded to questions. City Attorney Adams provided legal guidance, stating that if the City Council wants to consider the extension of the driving range, staff can conduct a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis on the project. He said a final decision would not happen until this is returned to the Council. Councilmember Schneider asked for a more accurate map that would depict all trees in the area.

He said Resolution No. 7076, passed 10/21/09, has bearing on this property in that North East Trees would be potentially expanding the existing Nature Park. This was not included in the staff report, he said. He said there was an error in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Golf Course in the section on the driving range relating to the extension. Director Pautsch responded, stating that the possibility of an extension would be important to potential bidders. He said what appeared in the RFP contradicted the Council's direction.

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period.

Gary Pia, 530 Martos Drive, said he hoped a balance can be struck between two valuable community assets. He said the driving range as it exists is too short. He said the City will be worse off if the Golf Course continues in its decline. The City would do well to retain the selected operator, he said.

A number of speakers opposed extending the driving range. Kim Hughes, 1956 Huntington Drive, inquired about the financial aspects of extending the range and the contract. She said the range's length is not important. She asked how much more revenue would accrue with an extended range. She supported use as open space. Bee Simpson, 2038 Milan Avenue, asked about potential revenues in six months, a year, and beyond. Evelyn Zneimer, 1449 Indiana Avenue, Parks and Recreation Commission Member, expressed concerns about the project: business/financial, tax incentive, capital investments, and duration of the lease. Barbara Eisenstein, 1852 Monterey Road, said the compromise (a 27-yard extension instead of a 35-yard extension) does not correct the issues. She said financial aspects are worrisome, and that water and other issues have not been addressed. Diana Mahmud, 1602 Camden Parkway, said if Donovan Bros. will not sign a lease without the 27-yard extension, and if the City Council approves to consider this, it will be doing more than "considering" it. She made remarks about bidding and financial aspects, making comments about other courses. Beverly Biber, 1250 Oak Hill, remarked that the City Council changed its mind from the time it adopted the North East Trees resolution. As a tax payer, she made remarks about the Golf Course real

estate development. David Czamanske, Pasadena Group of Sierra Club, P.O. Box 94086, Pasadena, who distributed his statement in written form on behalf of the Club, made remarks about the "footnote" regarding the extension of the driving range. He said an initial study and environmental assessment must be conducted.

Scott Feldmann, President, Chamber of Commerce, and Member, Arroyo Seco Golf Course and Racquet Centre Lease Subcommittee, said that without the potential of extending the driving range, the City probably would have had no bidders for managing the Golf Course. The Subcommittee deliberated on the content of the RFP and presented its recommendations as to what would elicit proposals from operators. In order to attract a bidder, the Subcommittee said the range needed to be extended. He urged the City Council to reach a compromise.

Mayor Ten closed the public comment period.

Councilmember Schneider read from the 02/17/10 minutes. He said the footnote about the possible extension of the driving range should have been deleted from the RFP. Instead, he said, the footnote was modified. He said the RFP should be rescinded. Councilmember Putnam said this was a misstatement. Discussion continued. Director Pautsch responded to questions about the status of the grant from North East Trees. Discussion continued. Councilmember Schneider elaborated on the City's agreement with North East Trees. Councilmember Sifuentes said revenues from the Golf Course could be allocated to the Nature Park. Councilmember Putnam supported expanding the length of the driving range, and the question is, he said, how far? Councilmember Schneider questioned the meaning of a resolution adopted by the City Council, when he said it appears that the City is willing to disregard it. Discussion took place about the end of the existing lease agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti described a similar project, and for that, a buffer of 150 feet was approved. He described a nearby golf course facility. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti asked for a minimum of a 20-yard buffer. Councilmember Putnam said that the side closest to the Arroyo could be modified at an angle to

provide additional buffer. Councilmember Schneider requested that a grading study be done and that trees slated for removal be identified.

By roll call vote (3 ayes, Councilmembers Sifuentes and Putnam and Mayor Ten; 2 noes, Councilmember Schneider and Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti), the City Council agreed to consider an up to 27-yard extension of the Golf Course driving range that would be included in the lease agreement with the Golf Course operator.

(Sifuentes, Ten)

City Attorney Adams said the City Council is defining a project to be studied, starting with an initial study. This will be brought back to the City Council to make a decision in regard to the extension.

**CONSIDERATION TO
RELOCATE THE PUBLIC
WORKS SERVICE
FACILITIES TO THE
GARFIELD RESERVOIR**

Public Works Director Sweeney presented the staff report, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. He and Water Project Manager Wolitarsky responded to questions.

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period. No one came forward; he closed the public comment period.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti encouraged full utilization of space. Public Works Director Sweeney suggested that containers could be installed for records or equipment storage.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed staff to proceed with plans to relocate the Public Works Water Distribution Division of Public Works to the new Garfield Reservoir site, and to utilize additional space at the site for records, materials, or equipment storage.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**AUTHORIZATION TO
AMEND DESIGN
SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH URS FOR
ENGINEERING DESIGN**

Mayor Ten determined that there were no cards from the public for public comment.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a third contract amend-

**SERVICES FOR THE
WILSON RESERVOIR**

ment with URS for an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$103,362 to modify the design of the proposed Wilson Reservoir Project to include structural and architectural changes requested by staff and residents of the City of San Gabriel, and to include preparation of a hazardous material assessment report.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR
FUTURE CITY
AUDIOVISUAL SERVICES**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**REVIEW OF GUIDELINES
FOR DISCRETIONARY
BUDGET ACCOUNTS AND
DIRECTION ON THE
CARRYOVER OF
INCOMPLETE
DESIGNATIONS**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**PROVIDE DIRECTION
REGARDING ADDITIONAL
REGULATIONS FOR
MASSAGE ESTABLISH-
MENTS AND SIMILAR
BUSINESSES**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**CONSIDERATION FOR A
MODERN ROUNDABOUT
AT THE INTERSECTION
OF MARENGO AVENUE
AND OXLEY STREET**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**PROVIDE DIRECTION
REGARDING AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITIES ACT
ACCESSIBILITY
CONSIDERATIONS FOR
MONTEREY ROAD**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

There were no members of the public wanting to provide public comment.

**COUNCILMEMBERS'
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sifuentes requested that staff develop options to expand the façade improvement program beyond the Redevelopment area to target bleak areas of the City, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti.

Councilmember Sifuentes requested that an item be added to a future agenda to consider utilizing funds from filming (\$30,000) to initiate a teen program on a pilot basis for two years. He asked staff to come back with a recommendation on how to accomplish this, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti.

Councilmember Sifuentes said the City needs to review a succession program for the Fire Department. He requested that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to develop this, consisting of himself, the City Manager, Councilmember Putnam, who volunteered, and a Fire Department representative. This was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti.

Councilmember Schneider said that the City should participate in the redistricting process taking place to redraw districts that the state Assembly and Senate and U.S. Congressional Representatives will represent. He asked that this be added to a future agenda in order to develop a City position paper, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested allocating \$900 of his FY 2010-11 discretionary funds to the employee retirement medical reserve fund. Councilmember Sifuentes requested allocating \$1,000 of his discretionary funds to the same account. This was seconded by Mayor Ten. This will be added to the consent calendar at the next meeting.

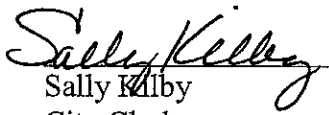
Mayor Ten reported on a recent meeting on the redistricting process. He reported on the progress of AB 353 in Sacramento, a bill to restore cities' rights to determine and negotiate with Caltrans regarding any freeway through their city. He reported on his work to contact other cities to urge support.

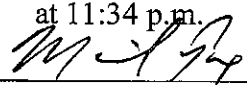
CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

There were no City Manager communications.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 11:34 p.m.


Sally Kilby
City Clerk
CRA Secretary


Mike Ten
Mayor
Chair, CRA